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SUMMARY: ON THE PRC DOMESTIC FRONT THERE WERE TENUOUS SIGNS, INCLUDING THE UNUSUAL ABSENCE OF TWO PROVINCIAL LEADERS FROM PROVINCIAL MASS ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES, THAT SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE UNDERWAY INVOLVING PROVINCIAL OR HIGHER LEVEL PARTY REBUILDING AND RECONSTRUCTION. ON THE EXTERNAL SIDE PEKING SUPPORTED THE GRUNK HARD LINE STANCE ON SETTLING THE CAMBODIAN CONFLICT AND DENOUNCED THE SOVIETS FOR ALLEGED " PEDDLING OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT" IN COLLABORATION WITH THE U. S. COINCIDING WITH A MOSCOW BROADCAST IMPLYING THE PRC HAD REJECTED NEW SOVIET OVERTURES TO EXPAND SINO-SOVIET TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WAS THE MENTION IN AN INNER MONGOLIA RADIO REPORT THAT RECENT PARTICIPANTS TO A YOUTH CONGRESS IN THAT AREA HAD WITNESSED " MILITARY EXERCISES." END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

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SOME TENUOUS CLUES DURING THE WEEK SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SCENE. POLITICAL WORK CONFERENCES CONVENED BY PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEES IN ANHWEI AND KIRIN ADJOURNED MAY 12 WITH NEARLY PARALLEL REPORTS OF THEIR AGENDAS. BOTH CONFERENCES CLAIMED PROGRESS IN THE ANTI- LIN PIAO CAMPAIGN OF CRITICISM AND RECTIFICATION, AND CONCLUDED THAT THE PARTY WAS STRONGER AND MORE CONSOLIDATED. ANHWEI ADDED THAT THIS RESULTED IN " CLEARING THE WAY FOR FURTHER DEVELOPING POLITICAL WORK." THE CONFERENCES FOCUSED ON PARTY BUILDING AND ON SELECTING AND PROMOTING NEW CADRE. THE KIRIN REPORT DWELT ON DIFFICULTIES WITH " SOME COMRADES WHO STILL CANNOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AND PROMOTING NEW CADRES. PARTICULARLY,

THERE ARE STILL SOME CONSERVATIVE IDEAS AND OLD HABITS"
(KIRIN RADIO MAY 24; ANHWEI RADIO MAY 21). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. WE SPECULATE THAT THERE MAY BE SIMILAR CONFERENCES ELSE-
WHERE AND, IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEY COULD INDICATE AN EFFORT
TO MOVE AHEAD NATIONWIDE TOWARD SOME NEW PHASE OR NEW LEVEL
OF TASKS IN POLITICAL RECONSTRUCTION. (SEVERAL RECENT INTELLI-
GENCE REPORTS GIVE IMPRESSIVE EVIDENCE THAT LOWER- LEVEL PARTY
UNITS ARE BEING EXPANDED AND DIRECTED TO TAKE OVER REVOLUTIONARY
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS). THE ANHWEI AND KIRIN CONFERENCES ALSO
SUGGEST POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO COPE WITH DISHARMONY BETWEEN
REHABILITATED VETERAN CADRE AND THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TO MOVE OVER
AND MAKE ROOM FOR THEM IN LEADING GROUPS. CONFIDENTIAL/ NOFORN

3. ELSEWHERE, WEI KUO- CHING HAS THUS FAR FAILED TO APPEAR AT
THE KWANGSI YOUTH LEAGUE CONGRESS WHICH OPENED MAY 25. HE WOULD
BE THE FIRST RESIDENT PROVINCE CHIEF TO MISS SUCH AN EVENT (OUT
OF 22 YOUTH CONGRESSES CONVENED THUS FAR). MEANWHILE, KIRIN
CONVENED ITS TRADE UNION CONGRESS MAY 22 WITHONT FIRST SECRETARY

WANG HUAL- HSIANG IN ATTENDANCE (WANG WAS ON HAND EARLIER FOR
THE WORK CONFERENCE MENTIONED ABOVE). THE LAST FIRM DATE ON
WHICH A PROVINCIAL CHIEF WAS REPORTED APPEARING IN HIS CAPITAL
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IS MAY 18. THUS THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOME TOP LEVEL
CONCLAVE MAY BE TAKING PLACE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. CAMBODIA

IN A BELATED RESPONSE TO A GRUNK APPEAL OF MAY 16 PEOPLE' S DAILY COMMENTATOR MAY 24 ROUTINELY EXPRESSED PEKING' S BACKING FOR THE " JUST STAND" OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE, BUT DID NOT ONCE USE THE TERM " U. S. IMPERIALISM." (HONG KONG 5187). HOWEVER, IN A MAY 27 ATTACK ON MOSCOW' S POLICY IN CAMBODIA, AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT' S ARTICLE SAID THAT " COMPLETE VICTORY" FOR THE GRUNK WAS " IN SIGHT" AND FAVORABLY REPORTED SIHANOUK' S DEMAND FOR " UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER." USING INTRANSIGENT PHRASES NOT HEARD FOR SOME TIME NCNA DENOUNCED THE SOVIETS FOR PEDDLING A " POLITICAL SETTLEMENT" IN COORDINATION WITH THE " PEACE FRAUD HATCHED BY U. S. IMPERIALISM." OVER THE PAST YEAR THE PRC HAS MAINTAINED FLEXIBILITY ON THE QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN CAMBODIA (HONG KONG 4411). IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE HARD LINE REFLECTED IN THIS LOW- LEVEL ARTICLE WILL BE REFLECTED IN MORE AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT. PEKING MEDIA HAVE STILL NOT ORIGINATED ANY PERSONAL ATTACK ON IN TAM, BUT NCNA (MAY 25) REPLAYED A COMPREHENSIVE AKI CONDEMNATION OF THE NEW PRIME MINISTER. UNCLASSIFIED

5. VIETNAM

LY BAN, DRV VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, ARRIVED IN PEKING MAY 29. HIS PAST IDENTIFICATION WITH PRC AID ACCORDS SUGGESTS THAT HE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS AND POSSIBLY WILL SEEK NEW ASSISTANCE FOR POST- WAR RECONSTRUCTION. BAN WAS PRESENT IN PEKING FOR MANY WEEKS

LAST SUMMER AND RETURNED IN OCTOBER TO NEGOTIATE THE REGULAR ANNUAL AID AND TRADE AGREEMENTS, WHICH WERE SIGNED IN NOVEMBER (1972 WR 48).

6. SINO- SOVIET

MOSCOW MEDIA (MAY 24) IMPLIED THAT THE PRC HAD REJECTED NEW OVERTURES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS IN TRADE AND CULTURAL FIELDS. THE TONE OF THE BROADCAST ALSO SUGGESTED THAT NEW PROPOSALS ON THE BORDER QUESTION MAY LIKewise HAVE BEEN REBUFFED LHONG KONG 5273). HOWEVER, A DIPLOMATIC REPORT FROM PEKING QUOTES CHIAO KUAN- HUA ON APRIL 30 AS TELLING A WESTERN VISITOR-- NOT SURPRISINGLY-- THAT IT WAS THE SOVIETS WHO REMAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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" VERY OBSTINATE." MEANWHILE A MAY 22 HUHEHOT RADIO REPORT ON INNER MONGOLIA' S COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE CONGRESS DEPARTED FROM SIMILAR REPORTS IN OTHER PROVINCES IN NOTING THAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAD WITNESSED " MILITARY EXERCISES" AND LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON IN " MILITARY EDUCATION." CONFIDENTIAL/ NOFORN

7. TAIWAN

NINETY- TWO YEAR OLD CHANG SHIH- CHAO, MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE' S CONGRESS AND MAO' S FORMER TEACHER, FLEW INTO HONG KONG MAY 25 ON A SPECIAL PRC JET FLIGHT FROM PEKING. CHANG, WHO REPORTEDLY IS TOLELLY DEAF, IN POOR HEALTH AND VERY FEEBLE, CAME TO HONG KONG TO VISIT HIS WIFE. THE PRC HIGH- LEVEL SENDOFF (PREMIER CHOU VISITED CHANG THE DAY BEFORE HE LEFT PEKING) SUGGESTS THAT PEKING IS USING THE VISIT TO DEMONSTRATE THE HIGH STATUS GIVEN PERSONS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT. THE MANNER OF HIS COMING ALSO SUGGESTS THE POSITION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SHOWING THE FLAG IN AN OUTER PROVINCE (HONG KONG 5211).

8. FRATERNITY BUT NOT EQUALITY WAS LIKewise REFLECTED IN THE ALL- CHINA SPORTS HEDERATION' S SECOND INVITATION TO TAIWAN TO SEND A TEAM REPRESENTING " TAIWAN PROVINCE" TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER PING- PONG TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN PEKING THIS COMING FALL (NCNA MAY 25). IN A SIMILAR MOOD NCNA MAY 28 NOTED THAT ONE YEH NAN (SON OF A FORMER KMT OFFICIAL, YEH CHU- TSANG) AND HIS WIFE YUAN HSIAO- YUAN A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GRC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HAD COME TO CHINA FOR A VISIT AND WERE FETED BY FU TSO- YI AND LIAO CHENG- CHIH. UNCLASSIFIED

9. HONG KONG

LIAO CHENG- CHIH ALSO HOSTED A BANQUET FOR PROMINENT HONG KONG BUSINESSMAN RICHARD CHARLES LEE ON MAY 25 (NCNA). THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST MAY 30 REPORTED THAT IN THE PAST SIX WEEKS NORTH VIETNAMESE GUNBOATS HAVE SEIZED AND FINED AT LEAST SIX

HONG KONG JUNKS FOR ILLEGAL FISHING AND THAT IT " IS BELIEVED"
THAT A NUMBER OF PRC BOATS HAVE ALSO BEEN CAUGHT AND CHARGED
BY DRV AUTHORITIES. THE ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE HONG
KONG GOVERNMENT IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFFICER CONFIRMED
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THAT SEVERAL JUNKS HAD IN FACT BEEN SEIZED, ONE OR TWO OF
WHICH HAD DUAL REGISTRATION IN BOTH CHINA AND HONG KONG. SO
FAR AS THE HKG IS AWARE, HE SAID, THE JUNKS WERE FISHING IN
THE DRV' S TWELVE- MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE ADVISER SPECU-
LATED THAT DRV GUNBOATS NOW HAVE MORE TIME TO DEVOTE TO
CATCHING POACHERS. CONFIDENTIAL/ NOFORN

10. U. S.

IN TWO SEPARATE TWO- HOUR SESSIONS MAY 27 WITH THE COMMITTEE
ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PRC, CHOU EN- LAI AND
CHIAO KUAN- HUA PROPOSALS FOR NINE SEPARATE U. S. SCIENTIFIC
DELEGATION VISITS TO CHINA AND AGREED TO SEND CHINESE STUDENTS
TO THE U. S. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ON SEVERAL PRC
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TOURS TO THE U. S. (PEKING 0193).
HUANG CHEN, CHIEF OF THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, LEFT
PEKING ON MAY 25 AND ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON MAY 28 (NCNA,
UPI). HUANG WAS SEEN OFF BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI AND
A LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH PRC OFFICIALS (PEKING 0174). OTHER PRO-
MINENT AMERICAN VISITORS INCLUDED THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF CHICAGO ADWARD LEVY, A DELEGATION OF YOUNG SCHOLARS LED BY
JOHN JAMISON, AND WRITER VINCENT SHEEAN. NCNA ALSO CONTINUED
TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE PRC JOURNALIST AND GYMNASTIC
DELEGATIONS VISITING THE U. S. UNCLASSIFIED

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11. AFRICA

PRC MEDIA DEVOTED HEAVY COVERAGE THIS WEEK TO THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND RELATED AFRICAN TOPICS. IN HIS OFFICIAL GREETINGS TO THE ADDIS ABABA MEETING OF OAU HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, PREMIER CHOU CALLED ON THEM TO " CARRY FORWARD THE SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND MILITANCY" (NCNA MAY 24). A PEOPLE' S DAILY EDITORIAL (MAY 25) HAILED THE OAU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST " IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO- COLONIALISM, RACISM, HEGEMONISM AND ZIONISM" AND FOR STRENGTHENING AFRICAN UNITY. THE EDITORIAL PLEDGED PEKING' S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE REMAINING ONE- FIFTH OF AFRICAN SOIL AND DENOUNCED " SOCIAL IMPERIALISM" (READ USSR) FOR " DIPPING ITS HAND INTO AFRICA IN A SCRAMBLE FOR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE." A COMPANION PIECE BY AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT (MAY 24), DESCRIBED IN GLOWING TERMS THE MUTUAL SUPPORT OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS FOR EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SETTLE DISPUTES PEACEFULLY. PREMIER CHOU EN- LAI LED THE CHINESE TURNOUT AT THE OAU ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION ON MAY 25 AND CHI PENG- FEI RESTATED PEKING' S VIEW. NOTABLE IN THIS YEAR' S COVERAGE WAS THE OMISSION OF ANY REFERENCE TO THE U. S. BY NAME AND THE ADDITION OF THE SOVIETS AND THE ISRAELIS AS MAJOR ADVERSARIES OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES. THE CHINESE WERE ALSO UNUSUALLY CAREFUL TO SPECIFY WHICH PARTS OF AFRICA WERE STILL AWAITING LIBERATION

AND TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH THE COOPERATIVE TREND AMONG THE "INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES." NCNA (MAY 22) REPORTED THE CONCLUSION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS ON SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, NOTING THAT THE PRC VOTED FOR THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT THE U. S. AND BRITAIN VETOED THE SECOND. WITHOUT NAMING THEM, THE PRC DELEGATE SAID THAT THE VETOES SHOW "WHAT FORCE IS ABETTING AND SUPPORTING" RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL. UNCLASSIFIED

12. WHO

AGAIN REFLECTING ITS WILLINGNESS TO LIVE WITH ITS DIFFERENCES WITH THE THIRD WORLD OVER THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT, THE PRC, JOINED ONLY BY FRANCE, ALBANIA AND UPPER VOLTA, VOTED AGAINST A RESOLUTION AT THE WHO ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA ON THE SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE. THE PRC REPRESENTATIVE
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REITERATED PEKING'S POLICY THAT COMPLETE PROHIBITION AND DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST PRECEDE ANY TEST BAN. NCNA MAY 23 RECORDED THE CHINESE VOTE BUT FAILED TO STATE THAT THE RESOLUTION REFERRED ONLY TO TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE.
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13. JAPAN

FOLLOWING ITS EARLIER ATTENTION TO THE INITIAL SHIPMENT OF CHINESE CRUDE OIL TO JAPAN, NCNA (MAY 25) REPORTED THE TOKYO COCKTAIL PARTY MARKING THE ARRIVAL OF THE SHIPMENT IN JAPAN. NUMEROUS PRO-PEKING FIGURES AND BUSINESSMEN ATTENDED AND THE NCNA ACCOUNT STRESSED THE SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EVENT FOR EXPANDED FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PEKING ALSO NOTED THE DEATH OF PRO-PRC RELIGIOUS LEADER EIJUN OTANI ON MAY 23 AND REPORTED CONDOLENCES IN THE NAMES OF KUO MO-JO, LIAO CHENG-CHIH AND CHAO PO-CHU, "RESPONSIBLE MEMBER" OF THE BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION OF CHINA (NCNA MAY 24, 25). OTANI'S DEATH FOLLOWED SHORTLY AFTER THE VISIT TO CHINA BY A DELEGATION OF JAPANESE RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS, WHO HAD RECEIVED A HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION IN PEKING (WR 20). UNCLASSIFIED

14. MAURITIUS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER CHARLES GASTON DUVAL ARRIVED IN PEKING ON MAY 24, WAS MET BY HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART CHI PENG-FEI THE FOLLOWING DAY AND MET WITH PREMIER CHOU ON MAY 27 (NCNA). IN THEIR BANQUET SPEECHES DUVAL AND CHI STRESSED THE PROGRESS IN THEIR RELATIONS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE VISIT TO CHINA BY PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM IN APRIL 1972. DETAILS OF THE PRIVATE TALKS WERE, AS USUAL, NOT DISCLOSED BUT THE TWO SIDES PROBABLY DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS OF PRC AID PROJECTS. DUVAL LEFT PEKING ON MAY 29 (NCNA).
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15. GREECE

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NIKOLAOS MACAREZOS CONCLUDED HIS VISIT TO THE PRC AND LEFT FOR HOME ON MAY 27. THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT (NCNA MAY 27), HIGHLIGHTED THE MAIN EVENTS, INCLUDING MACAREZOS' MEETING WITH PREMIER CHOU, HIS TALKS WITH PRC CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS AND THE THREE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE TWO SIDES (ATHENS 3259). THE COM-UNIQUE ALSO REVEALED THAT VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN- NIEN HAD ACCEPTED MACAREZOS' INVITATIONS TO VISIT GREECE AT SOME UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE. UNCLASSIFIED

16. OTHER VISITORS: SWEDEN, ALGERIA

SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER KRISTER WICKMAN ARRIVED IN PEKING ON MAY 29 (NCNA), WHERE HE WAS MET BY PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI, WICHMAN' S VISIT FOLLOWS CLOSELY AFTER THOSE BY HIS SCANDINAVIAN COLLEAGUES VAARVIK OF NORWAY AND ANDERSEN OF DENMARK (WR 20). AN ALGERIAN MILITARY DELEGATION, LED BY COLONEL MOHAMED ZERGUINI, COMMANDER OF THE THIRD MILITARY REGION, WAS FETED IN PEKING ON MAY 29 BY HSIAO CHING- KUANG, PRC VICE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. IN THEIR SPEECHES BOTH SIDES PLEDGED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR " MILITANT FRIENDSHIP." THIS DELEGATION MAY BE THE SAME AS THE ONE WHICH ARRIVED IN EARLY MAY AND WENT ON TO HANOI (WR 20), EVEN THOUGH THE LEADER IS CALLED BY A DIFFERENT NAME. UNCLASSIFIED
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